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In re the Patent Application of:

**Brian A. Leete, et al.**

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For: **APPARATUS FOR PERIOD PROMOTION  
AVOIDANCE FOR HUBS**

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Commissioner:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed December 9, 2005, regarding the above-referenced application, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendment set forth below and consideration of the remarks that follow.